KODAK SAFETY FILM 6043

GRASSLANDS
AMERICAN MINK
Mustela vison
HABITAT: Margins of rivers, lakes, marshes, and rocky coasts.
WEIGHT: Due to three years, females are larger.
SIZE: Overall, males are 2 to 3 pounds, females are smaller.
REPRODUCTION: Males are polygamous, mating with several females.
LONGEVITY: 4 to 8 years in the wild, 12 years in captivity.
FACTS: Minks have webbed feet and are excellent swimmers and climbers. It is one of the few species in which females are larger than males. Because of its valuable fur, the mink has been trapped for centuries, and is now raised on fur farms. Minks are territorial animals that mark the boundaries of their territory with musky scent, produced in glands similar to those found in skunks.